

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 408
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Guilford Douglas on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, James Guilford Douglas is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 43 years in the field of education as a teacher, supervisor, curriculum coordinator, principal, and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, he was born in Ripley on November 6, 1933, to proud parents William and Leila Douglas and attended the local schools, graduating from Ripley High School in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Douglas is an active and important part of his community and his profession, as acknowledged by his receipt of numerous civic awards and certificates of appreciation from a vast array of organizations, including the Ripley Fraternal Order of the Police, the West Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America, the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, and a host of school clubs from Ripley High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas also proudly served his country in the United States Navy, where he attended Officer Candidate School and was assigned to the aircraft carrier "Oriskany"; upon his discharge from the Navy, he joined the Naval Reserves, retiring at the rank of Captain in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas is an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Douglas is also deeply devoted to his family, enjoying the loving companionship of his beloved wife, Carol Ann, and is especially proud of his son Stephen and his wife, Mamie, and their children, Elizabeth and Scott, and also his son Michael and his wife, Leigh, and their children, Ashleigh Ruth and Madison Claire; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, James Guilford Douglas has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to James Guilford Douglas our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.